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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. SHAPING THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION

A. AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD'S PROPOSAL...

AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD PROPOSED IN THE OCTOBER 10 COUNCIL MEETING THAT THE FRENCH DRAFT ON NATO BE USED AS A POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR DISCUSSIONS. CANADA, SUPPORTED BY THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, AND ITALY, OPPOSED THIS. IN VIEW OF CONTINUING DIFFERENCES, SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS SUMMED UP THE CONSENSUS THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO "PRIMARY" TEXT FOR DRAFTING AND INVITED "NATIONAL VIEWS" IN THE COUNCIL BEFORE THE SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE BEGAN DRAFTING. (SECRET) US NATO 4830, 4831, 10/10.

B. ALLIED DEBATE...

DURING THE SAME MEETING, THE NETHERLANDS ASKED FOR US IDEAS ABOUT HOW BURDEN-SHARING COULD BE REFERRED TO IN SECRET

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THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION. WHILE CONCURRING, ITALY WANTS THE DRAFT TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO MBFR AND A STATEMENT THAT US FORCES BE MAINTAINED AT A LEVEL NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE US COMMITMENT TO THE ALLIANCE. THE UK OBJECTED TO A STATEMENT IN THE FRENCH DRAFT THAT NATO HAD

"FULLY ACCOMPLISHED ITS MISSION", OBSERVING THAT THIS COULD BE CONSTRUED TO MEAN NATO WAS NO LONGER NECESSARY. CANADA CRITICIZED THE DRAFT FOR ITS BILATERAL AXIS (I.E. US-EUROPEAN) WHICH IMPLICITLY EXCLUDED CANADA FROM THE GROUP. (SECRET) US NATO 4831, 10/10.

C. ...AND A VIEW FROM COPENHAGEN.

EMBASSY COPENHAGEN REPORTS THE MAIN TASK TO CONFRONT ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESEL DURING HIS OCTOBER 18 DISCUSSIONS WILL BE REACHING AN AGREEMENT ON THE RELATIVE EMPHASIS TO BE PLACED ON THE ATLANTIC, AS DISTINCT FROM THE EC NINE RELATIONSHIPS. A DANISH OFFICIAL COMPARED THE PROBLEM TO BEING IN BED WITH AN ELEPHANT. THE DANES FEEL THE FRENCH DRAFT FOR A NATO DECLARATION IS "EXCELLENT AS FAR AS IT GOES", BUT THINK INCLUSION OF ECONOMIC MATTERS WOULD MAKE IT MORE ACCEPTABLE TO COUNTRIES LIKE CANADA AND NORWAY. THEY ALSO DOUBT THE FRENCH WILL AGREE TO THE MENTION OF MBFR IN THE DECLARATION. (SECRET) COPENHAGEN 2526, 10/10 (LIMDIS).

2. FRENCH VIEW OF MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

A QUAI MIDDLE EAST OFFICIAL EXPLAINS TO EMBASSY PARIS THAT IN BREAKING THE MIDDLE EAST IMMOBILITY THE ARAB WORLD WILL FORCE THE GREAT POWERS, INCLUDING FRANCE, TO FIND A SOLUTION. FRANCE'S PRAGMATIC PRO-ARAB SENTIMENT AND OPPOSITION TO THE "STATUS QUO ANTE" LINE IS EXPLAINED NOT ONLY BY ECONOMIC FACTORS BUT ALSO BY FRANCE'S LIBERATION EFFORTS AGAINST THE PAST GERMAN OCCUPATIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL) PARIS 26404, 10/10.

3. JORDAN-EAST GERMANY DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

ON OCTOBER 9 JORDAN AND EAST GERMANY ANNOUNCED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. COMMENTING
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TO THE PRESS, JORDAN'S ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER HINDAWI EXPLAINED THAT THE MOVE IN NO WAY CONFLICTED WITH GERMANY'S DESIRE FOR UNITY. NOTING THAT JORDAN RECENTLY COMPLAINED ABOUT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FEDAYEEN MISSION IN EAST GERMANY, EMBASSY AMMAN COMMENTS JORDAN MAY USE ITS NEW TIES TO WORK AGAINST FEDAYEEN ELEMENTS OPERATING IN EASTERN EUROPE. (CONFIDENTIAL) AMMAN 5402, 10/10.

4. JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM THE USSR

EMBASSY MOSCOW REPORTS SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT INTERFERED WITH JEWISH EMIGRATION BUT PREDICTS THAT IT IS DOUBTFUL THEY WILL PERMIT THE FLOW TO CONTINUE AT A HIGH LEVEL IF THE WAR DOES NOT TAPER OFF SOON. FOR THE

MOMENT THE EXODUS CONTINUES BUT AT A REDUCED LEVEL SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO CEASE ISSUING TRANSIT VISAS FOR SOVIET JEWS GOING TO ISRAEL. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 12487, 10/10.

5. BHUTTO SEEKS US WHEAT

IN A MEETING OCTOBER 9 WITH CHARGE SOBER, PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO REFERRED TO TALKS WITH PRESIDENT NIXON CONCERNING THE CRITICAL WHEAT PROBLEM FACING PAKISTAN. HE RECALLED TELLING THE PRESIDENT THAT PAKISTAN URGENTLY NEEDED FROM THE US 500-600 THOUSAND TONS OF WHEAT ON CONCESSIONAL TERMS. WHILE PAKISTAN MAY OBTAIN 260,000 TONS OF CANADIAN WHEAT AND HAS APPROACHED THE USSR FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT, BHUTTO SAID HE WOULD PRESS THE US HARD ON THIS REQUEST. (CONFIDENTIAL) ISLAMABAD 8789, 10/10 (EXDIS) KISSINGER

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